HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: Group Art Unit: 3729 **HOWARD GORDON ZOLLA** SERIAL NO.: 10/041,004 Examiner: Donghai D. Nguyen FILED: January 7, 2002 FOR: FEATURE SIZE REDUCTION IN THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD USING LOW TEMPERATURE DEPOSITION COAT-ING OF PHOTOLITHOGRAPHICALLY-**DEFINED TRENCHES** Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the First Office Action mailed on November 18, 2003, Applicant hereby amends the subject application, as follows:

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